

***REGULAR ANDOVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 17, 2014
MINUTES***

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Gamache, June 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Councilmembers present:	Mike Knight, Sheri Bukkila, Julie Trude and Tony Howard
Councilmember absent:	None
Also present:	City Administrator, Jim Dickinson Community Development Director, Dave Carlberg Others

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Mr. Dickinson introduced Scott Lennar to the City Council.

Mr. Lennar presented Andover a grant of \$2,500.00 to purchase six multipurpose gas detectors for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Jerry Streich accepted the check from Mr. Lennar.

RESIDENT FORUM

No one wished to address the Council.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Staff presented supplemental information for the Anoka County Sheriff's Department monthly report.

Councilmember Trude asked if they could move Item 12 (Consider Variance - Fence Height - 14068 Aztec Street NW – Timothy Lee) to the top of the discussion. The Council agreed.

Motion by Trude, Seconded by Howard, to approve the Agenda as amended above. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 27, 2014, Workshop Meeting: Correct as written.

Motion by Howard, Seconded by Bukkila, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Item 2 Approve Payment of Claims
- Item 3 Order Improvement/Order & Approve Plans & Specs/Order Quotes/13-26/Quinn St. NW Sidewalk Construction (See Resolution R039-14)
- Item 4 Order Improvement/Order Plan & Specs/14-12/2014 Parking Lot Maintenance (See Resolution R040-14)
- Item 5 Approve Rose Park Reconstruction Plan/14-13
- Item 6 Approve Ordinance Summary No. 438
- Item 7 Approve Refuse/Recycler Hauler License
- Item 8 Approve Dental Renewal and Employer Contribution
- Item 9 Accept Donation CenterPoint Energy Partnership Grant (See Resolution R041-14)
- Item 10 Approve Application for Exempt Permit/Andover Wrestling Club

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Trude, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER VARIANCE – FENCE HEIGHT – 14068 AZTEC STREET NW – TIMOTHY LEE

Mr. Carlberg explained the applicant, Timothy Lee, is requesting a variance to construct a fence eight (8) feet in height on the rear property line. City Code 12-7-3 allows for fences up to a height of six (6) feet.

Mr. Carlberg reviewed the staff report with the Council.

Mr. Lee stated from the property line to the new walking path the fence will be six to eight feet away on the south end of the property and fifteen to twenty feet from the path on the north side of the property.

Councilmember Howard wondered if anyone has talked to the County about possibly connecting the fence to the County installed fence because it could be a shortcut for kids to go between the two. Mr. Lee stated he will have a fence up with a gate for them to utilize getting out onto the path. He noted this will be locked.

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Knight, to approve Resolution R042- 14, a variance to the requirements in accordance with City Code 12-14-7 for property located at 14068 Aztec Street NW

including the conditions in the resolution.

Councilmember Trude stated this only came up because of the situation with the road construction and she wondered if they could waive the fee and perhaps they have an ordinance change unless this will not come up again. She also wondered if they could waive the fence permit fee. Mr. Lee stated the County is reimbursing him for the fencing and he is not concerned about being reimbursed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Commander Kevin Halweg from the Anoka county Sheriff's Department presented the May monthly Sheriff's Report.

Councilmember Howard wondered what the law is for people stopping for pedestrians. He indicated that people are not stopping at the crosswalk on Crosstown Boulevard by Sunshine Park and it has become a dangerous crossing. Commander Halweg stated it is State law that everyone yield to people in the crosswalk. He stated in some places he has seen a flashing light indicating a crosswalk. Mayor Gamache thought they might want to look at the idea of a flag or flashing light on the corner.

RESCHEDULE AUGUST 5, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Dickinson requested the Council reschedule the August 5, 2014 City Council Meeting to August 6, 2014 because of Night to Unite.

Motion by Bukkila, Seconded by Knight, to reschedule the August 5, 2014 City Council Meeting to August 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Dickinson requested the Council reschedule the November 4, 2014 City Council Meeting to November 5, 2014 because of elections.

Motion by Trude, Seconded by Knight, to reschedule the November 4, 2014 City Council Meeting to November 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE JULY WORKSHOP MEETING

Mr. Dickinson requested the Council schedule a Workshop Meeting to discuss topics as detailed in the staff report.

Mayor Gamache asked if they could skip the July workshop meeting because of conflicts. Mr. Dickinson stated the Anoka County Highway Department would like to keep their projects on track and were going to come to that meeting.

Motion by Gamache, Seconded by Howard, to schedule a Workshop Meeting on July 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. with the Anoka County Highway Department before the City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council discussed other months with five weeks in them to set workshop meeting dates. Mayor Gamache preferred to have the September Workshop on September 23, 2014.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Staff updated the Council on the administration and city department activities, legislative updates, updates on development/CIP projects, and meeting reminders/community events.

Mr. Dickinson reviewed the progress at the Woodland Creek Golf Course. He stated there was an open house on June 4th. There was some concern about the proximity of the nature trail to the back property lines. They have locked in on being approximately thirty feet off from the back of any property. They hoped that will satisfy a lot of those concerns. He stated the next step in the process is executing the easement document with the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Once they have the easement, the City gets paid.

Councilmember Trude stated when the neighborhood was there plans were shown for the proposed development and asked if there was discussion regarding those plans. Mr. Dickinson stated there was. The plans were well received. Councilmember Trude wondered if anything came up regarding the storage building. Mr. Dickinson stated the storage building is slated for demolition and will come down in June with all other structures needing to be removed by July 15, 2014.

Mr. Dickinson stated what was being saved from the original golf course is two of the markers from the tee boxes. One for the City and also one for the Woodland Creek Golf Villas to be placed at their entrance monument.

Councilmember Trude asked if letters were only going out to the residents along the parameter of the property. Mr. Dickinson stated the requirement from BWSR was to mail to all neighboring and abutting property owners, which is what the City did. Councilmember Trude thought once this is done they should put an article in the newsletter about what is going on.

Councilmember Trude wondered as the development is being done could they see if someone would be willing to allow the City to put an easement for trail access because that is something they are missing. They could do some landscaping to buffer the access. Mr. Dickinson noted he already has a name of a resident who may be open to an easement.

Mr. Carlberg reviewed development activities in the City.

Councilmember Trude stated Carson Ridge has a big sign up indicating lots for sale and the Council has not seen anything or made any approvals except a sketch plan for a PUD. She thought this was jumping the gun. Mr. Carlberg stated staff met with them last week to talk through the PUD and platting requirements. They are preparing to submit plans.

MAYOR/COUNCIL INPUT

(Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting) Mayor Gamache stated the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce met June 10th at the Pizza Ranch and he thought it was a good meeting and highlighted the Pizza Ranch.

(Meeting at Fountains of Ramsey) Mayor Gamache stated on June 12th there was a meeting at the Fountains of Ramsey that was put together by a prominent businessman of Ramsey who lives in Andover, Jim Deal, along with the City of Ramsey and MN/DOT. There was a presentation of projects from the Rum River west to the edge of the border of Ramsey. He stated the Armstrong Boulevard project was approved.

(Andover Family Fun Fest) Mayor Gamache stated Andover Family Fun Fest is July 11th and 12th.

(Quinn Street Sidewalk) Councilmember Trude stated they approved the sidewalk on Quinn Street and it will be constructed this year.

(QCTV Audit) Councilmember Trude stated she was at a QCTV meeting with Mr. Dickinson and they were happy to get a very clean audit and an excellent report on finances. She wanted to thank Mr. Dickinson for helping work with getting the house in order for this organization they belong to.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Howard, Seconded by Bukkila, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Osbeck, Recording Secretary

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